New York, Sept. 26th 54

Prof. Jas. C. Booth

Dear Sir

After an unsuccessful hunt for some pitchers such as are used in the 'parting-room' for carrying acid, I take the liberty of troubling you with an inquiry as to whether they can be procured in Philadelphia and if not, can you spare any from the Mint stock, or inform us where we can get them?

Of the Assay Office I suppose you have heard enough: but I think that the intelligence of its speedy completion will gratify you. All is finished now, except the hoisting-machine, and some minor things such as the setting of the scales &c. But we hope

shortly to be in working order. I had steam on the 'houses' on Saturday. and those near the Chimney draw the best. Is there any doubt of all the vapor being carried off when the furnaces are in operation? Will three furnaces melt all the deposits? There were many inconveniences which struck me on my arrival here. But some have disappeared and others have been overcome, so that I now think everything is well arranged. No complaint certainly can be made against your plans. But the hoistway is a pons asinorum which I can not get over. Some of the furnaces have been tried and draw well

On dit, that Mr. McCullough is trying to get a Contract for the whole of the Government Melting and Refining. I suppose of course we will have the pleasure of seeing you here before or when operations are commenced

I avail myself of this opportunity to render my thanks for your many kindnesses and to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended to me, for all of which I shall ever feel greatly indebted.

Hoping that you are well and with kind remembrances to Mr. Twyla and the gentlemen at the Laboratory, I remain

With great respect
Your friend
Clarence Morfit

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